ಆ ತೊಂದರೆಯನ್ನು ನಿವಾರಣೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡೋಣ. ನೀರನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಮೊದಲನೆಯ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯ ಅದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಏನು ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೋ ಅದನ್ನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಐ.ಪಿ.ಡಿ. ಸಾಲಪ್ಪ.—ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರದಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಮಾರು ೧೮೦ ಕೊಳಚೆ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇವೆ. ಆದರಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಮಾರು ೬೦ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ನೀರು ಬರುತ್ತಿದ್ದು ಬಾಕಿ ೧೨೦ ಕೊಳಚೆ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ನೀರನ್ನು ನೋಡುವುದಕ್ಕೂ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಕಾವೇರಿ ಎರಡನೆಯ ಯೋಜನೆ ಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಇನ್ನು ೪-೫ ವರ್ಷಗಳು ಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಅಲ್ಲಿಯವರೆಗೆ ಕಾಯುಬೇಕೆಂದರೆ ಬಹಳ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಕೊಳಚೆ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಜನರಿಗೆ ನೀರನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸಲು ಕೊಳವೆ ಭಾವಿಗಳನ್ನೇನಾದರೂ ಒದಗಿಸುತ್ತೀರಾ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್.ಸಿ. ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠಯ್ಯ.—ಅದನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸುತ್ತದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಮೈಕೆಲ್ ಬಿ. ಫರ್ನಾಂಡೀಸ್.—ಕಾವೇರಿ ಮೊದಲನೆಯ ಯೋಜನೆಯಿಂದ ಯಾವಾಗ ನೀರು ಸಾಲದೇ ಹೋಯಿತೋ ಆಗ ಎರಡನೆಯ ಯೋಜನೆಯನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯಗತ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾಗಿತ್ತು ಅಲ್ಲವೇ ? ಆ ರೀತಿ ವಿಳಂಬ ಮಾಡಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವೇನು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್.ಸಿ. ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠಯ್ಯ.—ಕಾವೇರಿ ಎರಡನೆಯ ಯೋಜನೆಯನ್ನು ತಕ್ಷಣವೇ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು ಎನ್ನತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಅರ್ಕಾವತಿ ಲಿನೇ ಮೇಯನ್‌ಗೆ ೧೪ ಕೋಟಿ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳ ವೆಚ್ಚದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀರನ್ನು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಬೇಕು ಎನ್ನತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ಇತ್ತು. ಆದರೆ ಇತ್ತೀಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ನಮ್ಮ ಅರ್ಕಾವತಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯಿಂದ ಅಷ್ಟೊಂದು ನೀರು ದೊರೆಯುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎನ್ನುವ ಅಂಶ ಗೊತ್ತಾದ ಮೇಲೆ ಕಾವೇರಿ ಎರಡನೆಯ ಯೋಜನೆಯನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಬರೆದು ಮಂಜೂರಾತಿಗಾಗಿ ಕೇಳಲಾಯಿತು. ಈಗ ಅಲ್ಲಿಂದ ಮಂಜೂರಾತಿ ಬಂದಿದೆ.

K S. R. T. C. bus accidents in the State

566. SRI G. B. SHANKAR RAO (Hirekerur).—Will the Minister for Transport and Tourism be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of accidents to buses belonging to Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation during the year ending 31st December 1978;

(b) the number of persons who lost their lives and who suffered physical infirmity as a result of these accidents;

(c) the amount of compensation paid in these cases;

(d) the steps taken by the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation to avoid accidents;

(e) whether the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation has investigated the reasons for the recurring feature of accidents to Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation ?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO (Minister for Transport and Touris).—

(a) 1169 accidents during the year 1978.

(b) No. of deaths ... 199

No. of persons who suffered physical infirmity ... 2

(c) No compensation was paid by Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation. However *ex-gratia* amount was paid if the drivers of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation were responsible for the accidents.--

(i) Rs. 2,000 per person in case of death.

(ii) In two cases of pyhsical infirmities, a sum of Rs. 500 was paid in one case and in other case, the party refused to accept the *ex-gratia* payment.

Regular compensation claims made by parties are being examined by the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation.

(d) The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation is making all out effort to prevent and minimise the accidents.

(e) Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation is making study of causes for the accidents in relation to road, vehicle and driver and others and will make out all effort to minimise the accidents.

SRI G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—First of all, I would like to bring to the notice of the Minister the word that has been missed while printing the question. Because of that missing word question looks awkward.

† SRI R. GUNDU RAO.—It is allright, you put your question.

SRI G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—In how many cases drivers were found responsible for accidents and how many buses were damaged and what is the total amount sustained by the Road Transport Corporation by such accidents ?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO.— I have given the figure in my reply. About 1,169 accidents have taken place during the year 1978. The details I am not having. Wherever it was found that the drivers were responsible for such accidents, the Road Transport Corporation has taken action against those drivers.

SRI G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—In reply to question (c) it is said that regular compensation claims made by parties are being examined by the KSRTC. May I know the number of cases in which claims made by the parties settled and total amount involved in such claims ?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO.—The actual figures I am not having at present. But whenever accidents take place, in the case of death Rs. 2000 as *ex-gratia* payment is made and in the case of injury Rs. 500 is paid So far we have paid about Rs. 2 lakh 18,000 rupees towards death and towards injury Rs. 3,850.

MR. SPEAKER.—Now I call Sri Nagappa to put his question.

SRI G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—You are very unfair. You are not gsving me sufficient time to put questions whereas in other cases you give more time.

2-00 P.M.

Promotional vacant posts in Agricultural Department

665. SRI B. A. MOHIDEEN (Bantwal).—Will the Minister for Agriculture and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of promotional posts kept vacant in the Department of Agriculture ;

(b) what are the reasons for keeping these vacant posts for such a long period ;

(c) whethere Government is aware that this will deprive the Agriculturists of proper directions and stall the work of the Department ;

(d) if so, whether the Government would take early steps to fill the vacancies ?

SRI K. H. RANGANATH (Minister for Agriculture and Parlimentary Affairs).—

(a) The total number of promotional posts vacant in the Department is 208.

The details are as follows :

Asst. Agricul. Officers	...	140
Asst. Directors of Agriculture	...	45
Deputy Directors of Agriculture	...	12
Joint Directors of Agriculture	...	3
Administrative Assistants/Assistant Accounts Officers	...	8
		208

(b) The posts of Assistant Agricultural Officers, Assistant Directors of Agriculture, Deputy Directors of Agriculture and Joint Directors of Agriculture could not be filled up in view of the stay orders of the High Court. In respect of Administrative Assistants Assistant Accounts Officers the vacancies could not be filled up as there were no eligible candidates.